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SUBJ: INDONESIAN PRESS ON RAZAK-SUHARTO MEETING

1. INDONESIAN PRESS OF MAY 6 MAY GAVE HEAVY COVERAGE TO RAZAK-SUHARTO MEETING IN PENANG, BASED MAINLY ON BRIEFING FROM STATE SECRETARY SOEDHARMONO. FOLLOWING ARE MAIN POINTS:

A. CHINA. SOEDHARMONO SAID RAZAK BRIEFED SUHARTO ON PENDING MALAYSIAN RECOGNITION OF PRC, NOTING THAT "PRESENT CONDITIONS PERMITTED" THIS MOVE. AS REPORTED, SOEDHARMONO REMARKS IMPLIED INDONESIAN ACQUIESCENCE.

B. SULU DISPUTE. SOEDHARMONO HELD OPEN POSSIBILITY OF INDONESIAN MEDIATORY ROLE "IF BOTH SIDES WISHED" BUT REFUSED TO BE DRAWN INTO SPECIFICS. HE STRESSED INDONESIAN UNCLASSIFIED

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DESIRE FOR SWIFT SETTLEMENT VIA CONSULTATIONS. PRESS

NOTED RAZAK REPETITION OF GOM POSITION THAT SULU REVOLT IS INTERNAL PHILIPPINES AFFAIR AND CLAIM THAT MALAYSIA NOT AIDING REBELS, COUPLED WITH REFERENCE TO 26,000 SULU REFUGEES CREATING PROBLEMS IN SABAH.

C. LOS. ACCORDING SOEDHARMONO MALAYSIANS RE-EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT. IN RESPONSE TO REPORTERS' QUESTIONS HE SAID REPORTED "NERVOUSNESS" ON PART OF SOME MALAYSIAN OFFICIALS ABOUT SEA COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST MALAYSIA (TRANSITTING WATERS CLAIMED BY INDONESIA AROUND NATUNAS ISLAND) WAS "NOT NECESSARY." (JAKARTA PRESS REPORTED THAT IN PENANG, RAZAK SAID HE WAS "CERTAIN" INDONESIA WOULD GIVE RIGHT OF USE TO MALAYSIA THROUGH WATERS IN QUESTION.)

2. GOI NEWS AGENCY "ANTARA" SIMULTANEOUSLY REPORTED MAY 5 STATEMENT FROM FOREIGN MINISTER ROMULO (ARRIVING JAKARTA FOR ASEAN MEETING) TO EFFECT THAT HE DID NOT BRING SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM MARCOS TO SUHARTO, THAT HE (ROMULO) KNEW NOTHING ABOUT RUMORED SUHARTO-MARCOS SUMMIT TO BE HELD IN BALIKPAPAN (KALIMANTAN) LATER THIS MONTH, AND THAT ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD NOT DISCUSS SABAH.

3. WE WILL REPORT GOI INTERPRETATION OF PENANG SUMMIT AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.
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